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Ho-Chunk Nation advances on Priory goal for higher education

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

It's a place where Ho-Chunk college students can study and learn more about their culture.

It's also a place where they can join with friends and create an atmosphere similar to home.

"We want to make it a 'home away from home' for the Ho-Chunk students," said Debra Barker, professor of English and American Indian Studies at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Mike Rindo, UW-Eau Claire Assistant Chancellor for Facilities and University Relations, gave a report on the development of the project at the Wednesday, February 12, Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Area Meeting.

The plan is to house Ho-Chunk students at the Priory who will attend either UW-Eau Claire or Chippewa Valley Technical College. But what is different than any other housing arrangements is that the students will be able to gather and be able to practice their cultural traditions.

"There's nothing better than to

come home from school to a Native American community and smell fry bread," Barker said.

The Priory is the former Sisters of St. Bede Monastery. The Priory was constructed in the 1960s by the St. Benedictine Sisters and a residential school and later as a retreat complex. It's on 112 acres, almost entirely wooded about three miles from UW-Eau Claire main campus and Chippewa Valley Technical College.

The idea of Priory living is to overcome the obstacles posed to Native American students.

"Often they feel isolated and homesick. Sometimes they know there are other Native American students on campus, but don't know how to find them. Then, there are people who commute from their homes, which involves a lot of driving," Barker said. "Hopefully, by staying at the Priory, most of those problems would be eliminated."

The traditional and non-traditional students could stay as long as they wanted while attending classes. For instance, they could go back home on weekends, or stay at the Priory.

A shuttle would provide transportation to and from the Priory and the UW-Eau Claire campus and CVTC campus.

The Ho-Chunk Nation and the UW-Eau Claire entered into a Memorandum of Intent on September 23, 2013, with Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer and UW-Eau Claire Chancellor James Schmidt signing the document. The purpose of the MOI is to strengthen the relationship between the two parties and work toward goals that will enhance goals for residents of the region, state and the Nation.

Two groups have been working on the Priory concept. There's a UW-Eau Claire on-campus group

called the "Priory Task Force," and then there's the "whole" group, meaning representatives from both the Nation and UW-Eau Claire named the "Ho-Chunk Partnership Implementation Team." The HC Partnership Implementation Team has been meeting twice a month to organize the details.

To give the Priory a "dry run," there presently are 20 college students living at the Priory. Those students will be able to give feedback on living conditions and needs to be able to sustain a comfortable living and meet their needs, yet one conducive to studies, Barker said.

Many renovation plans on all buildings except the childcare center will go into effect starting this summer. One of the biggest priorities is to make the entire structure ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. The building where students are currently housed will have revocations performed first. The students will be moved to another building while this phase of construction is being performed. They will be moved back when it is finished and then the renovations of the other building, where the students were temporarily housed, will begin.

It will be wired for the latest technology, such as broadband Internet by means of fiber optic cable. It also will have cable television.

In the past, one obstacle for completing studies by parents has been the care of children. This problem can be easily solved at the Priory because it is also home to a large child daycare center, the Children's Nature Academy. The Nature Academy will provide childcare services to Living and Learning Center participants.

When finished, there will be room for 56 people to live at the Priory, mostly single rooms, but also some suites that would have living



The Priory will provide a base for Ho-Chunk students to study at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire or Chippewa Valley Technical College and be able to share cultural customs and traditions. File photo by Bill Hoepner of UW-EC.

areas and bathrooms. And living arrangements for parents with children will be available, Barker said. Suites will be available for families to live together at the Priory.

Besides residential rooms, the Priory has a large commercial kitchen and dining facilities, enabling students to prepare their own meals and eat individually or as a group.

A large communal room, equipped with a fireplace, will allow students to conduct any cultural activities, or to study as a group.

One of the biggest attributes of the Priory living arrangement and cultural experience is the Elder-in-residence/Visiting Elder program. Elders will help the students with cultural mentorship and they are welcome to stay at the Priory with the students.

They have started a Priory speaker series, which was just launched, Barker said. So far, they have had one speaker, author Patty Loew who wrote Indian Nations of Wisconsin. She spoke at the campus, but they would like to have the speakers make their appearances at the Priory in the near future. Coming this fall is Amy Lonetree from University of California-Davis, who will speak on museums and museum culture.

Another possible use for the learning experience is to begin an organic vegetable garden on the Priory grounds, which will offer the students experience in organic farming as well as cultural knowledge of methods of horticulture used by Ho-Chunk ancestors.

Because it is a combined effort by the Ho-Chunk Nation and UW-Eau Claire, each entity will provide cer-

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Friends & Relatives:

Wisconsin’s Indian Country sent a message at this year’s State of the Tribes telling lawmakers to support efforts of tribes to combat gang related crimes and drug use. This year’s messenger was Menominee Chairwoman, Laurie Boivin who recently assumed the reins from former Chairman Craig Corn.

There has been much concern on how this speech was to play out because of tensions raised about the Menominee Tribes hosting of the Seminole Casino in Kenosha. There was no mention although the topic was raised several times following her address. Our tribe remains in opposition of any tribe’s prospects of opening gaming facilities in Ho-Chunk Country.

In addition, Chairwoman Boivin acknowledged environmental concerns that have passed a threatening stage and are now staring us right in the eye with iron ore mining in the Penokee Hills in northern Wisconsin to the proliferation of the frac sand mining industry in the southwestern part of the state.

We stand in opposition of mining and the unsafe processing and transport of the materials gathered from our pristine planet. We will remain vigilant in our

role to protect our Grandmother Earth and empower our own citizens to protect their communities and their homes.

Finally, a controversial issue at any dinner table is the institutional use of race-based mascots and logos in our public schools. Recently, the Governor signed a law that repeals Act 250 now placing the burden of proof on children who feel they are in a racially divisive environment as a result of their mascot or logo. It is now up to the student to endeavor to make their case in very communities to which they may feel threatened.

Nonetheless, a very respectful and eloquent delivery of the message by Chairwoman Boivin. It’s my hope and the hope of many others, Wisconsin’s lawmakers take this message home and reflect its spirit with the work they are privileged and entrusted to do. Good job, Indian Country!

In Good Health,
Maąąųsga
Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Bills address issues unique to rural schools

Submitted by Chris Danou, WI State Representative

As people in our area know, schools are at the center of our rural communities. First and foremost, schools provide an education for the next generation, but they also serve as a gathering place for community members and provide extracurricular activities opportunities for students. In these recent economic times, financial resources have been more scarce than usual for rural schools and it has become very clear that funding issues need to be addressed. Funding issues need to be addressed because public education provides the next generation with the skills they need to make contributions to the community. Public education should transcend party lines and needs to be a priority in rural communities across Wisconsin. In an effort to initiate discussion related to rural schools, the legislature created a bipartisan taskforce to address the unique issues rural schools face.

This past September, I was appointed to be a member of the Speaker’s Taskforce on Rural Schools. Since that time, the taskforce and its members have held public hearings regarding rural schools in communities across the state. After hours of testimony from school superintendents, administrators, teachers, students and other stakeholders, it has become very clear that we need to turn discussion into action. As a result, my Democratic colleagues and I have authored two pieces of legislation to address issues that have been brought up time and again at our public hearings and meetings.

We need to make funding more fair for our rural schools by improving current funding formulas. In an effort to address this need, Senate Bill 614 was introduced by my Democratic colleagues and me to make necessary changes to the sparsity aid program. Currently, a school district is eligible to receive sparsity aid if in the previous school

year the number of pupils enrolled in the school district was no more than 725, at least 20% of the pupils were eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under the National School Lunch Program, and the number of pupils enrolled in the district divided by the school district’s area in square miles is less than ten. SB 614 eliminates the first and second provisions and limits the amount of sparsity aid that a school district may receive in any school year to \$750,000. These changes will have immediate and positive impacts for schools in rural areas.

Another bill my Democrat-

ic colleagues and I recently introduced is Senate Bill 622. This bill addresses the need for teachers in rural areas to have some assistance with their student loans. Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers various financial assistance programs to assist teachers. Those programs include programs under which HEAB provides loans to college students and then forgives a certain amount of those loans after the loan recipient has met certain criteria to obtain forgiveness. That criteria includes someone who has been employed as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public

Schools, taught visually impaired pupils, works as an orientation and mobility instructor in the state, or teaches in a school district in which minority students constitute at least 29% of the membership of the school district. SB 622 creates a rural teacher grant program administered by the HEAB to encourage teachers to teach in rural schools by providing them with some financial assistance to pay back their student loans. This bill will help rural areas attract and retain quality teachers that may be drawn to teach elsewhere due to higher compensation packages.

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Wolf Run Schedule

8:30-10:30 Race registration at the Levis Mound Trail Center

10:30 - Kids race –approx. 500 meters (free!)

11:00 - Mass start, 5km, 10km snowshoe ski trail and single-track)

1:00 - awards1

Note: Races will be held regardless of weather and snow conditions! (If snow conditions warrant, the Wolf Run will be a trail run race. Be prepared for minimal snow or wet trails.

Race Categories: (age categories on race day)

10-13 (5 km only) 14 – 19 20 – 29 30 – 39 40 – 49 50 – 59 60 yrs. +

Entry Fee:

\$20.00 pre-registered **until Feb. 27th.** \$25.00 day of race. (Kids Free)

Awards:

Overall male & female, 5km and 10km

Top 3 male and female in each age category

All kids race participants

Contact Info:

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Course Description:

10 km race, 5km race, kids 500 m

Wide start field and run out on packed XC ski trail. Some single-track.

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Gender

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Female

Race Category

10-13

14-19

20-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60+

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The Food and Drug Administration Targets Trans Fats: So What's the Big Deal?

Submitted by
Cassandra Steadman, RD,
Ho-Chunk Nation Nutrition
Department

What Are Trans Fats?

Trans fat is a type of fat that is created when liquid oils are transformed into solid fats through a process called hydrogenation. Hydrogenation adds hydrogen to the liquid oil, increasing the shelf life and stability of the food the fat is added to. This process is commonly done to create shortening or stick margarine. Trans fat is not typically found in significant quantities in nature.

How Trans Fats Affect You

Adapted from <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/high-blood-cholesterol/in-depth/trans-fat/art-20046114?pg=2>

Trans fat increases triglycerides, LDL cholesterol ("bad cholesterol"), and leads to increased inflammation. A high LDL level significantly

	Amount Per Serving	%Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0g	0g	0%	Total Calories
Saturated Fat 0g	0g	0%	Dietary Fiber
Trans Fat 0g	0g	0%	Sugars
Cholesterol 0mg	0mg	0%	Protein
Sodium 75mg	75mg	3%	
Vitamin A 0%			Vitamin C 0%

increases your risk of developing heart disease. In a nutshell, if your LDL is too high, it can cause a buildup of fat on the walls of your arteries, which can eventually lead to a heart attack or stroke.

What to look for

Whole foods, such as fresh fruits, vegetables, and grains do not contain any trans fats, and are a great choice. If you are purchasing a packaged food, look at the nutrition label. It is mandated that all food packages list the amount of trans fat per serving in grams. However, if there is less than 0.5g/serving, it can be listed on the nutrition facts panel as 0 g. If you would like to ensure

that there truly are zero grams of trans fats in the product, look in the ingredients list, and avoid foods containing "partially hydrogenated oils."

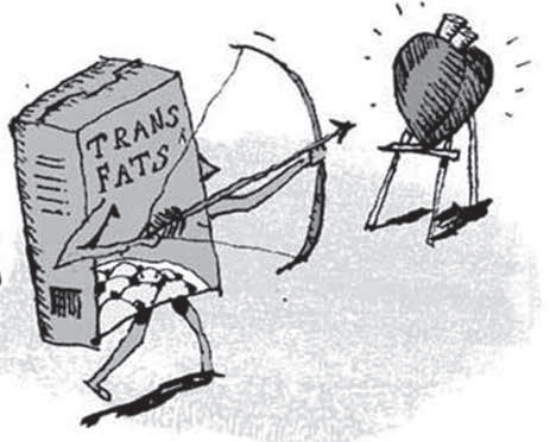
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Re-considers Safety of Trans Fats

Adapted from: <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm372915.htm>

The FDA released a statement in November of 2013 announcing the preliminary

determination that partially hydrogenated oils are no longer generally recognized as safe (GRAS). A final determination will likely be made sometime in 2014. If the FDA determines that they will stand by the preliminary decision, food

companies will have to phase out their use, removing them from the U.S. food supply.



The Mobile Health Clinic is taking appointments!

We will be in Nekoosa on Thursday 2/27/2014.

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N7240 U.S. Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI

Tomah: 3rd Wednesdays – 10:00am-3:00pm
Ahu co/Blue Wing Community Center
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Nekoosa: 4th Thursdays – 10:00am-3:00pm
THIS WEEK
Former Nekoosa Clinic
315 1st St., Nekoosa, WI

How: To schedule appointments call:
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1-888-685-4422

*** **Note:** if no appointments are scheduled by the day before, the Mobile Clinic may adjust hours accordingly (leave early or cancel clinic).

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be March 7th which will be published on March 14th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Nutrition & Fitness 101: THE BASICS

Free Education Series Lineup

	NUTRITION TOPIC	FITNESS TOPIC
Mar. 3	Why Diets Don't Work	How to Get Started with Fitness
Mar. 10	The Truth About Carbs	Strength Training; Do I Need to?
Mar. 17*	Building a Healthier Jackson County @ 6 p.m. at BRF Middle School	
Mar. 24	Proteins and Fluids	Creative Strategies for Fitness
Mar. 31	Fat & Putting it All Together	Staying Motivated to Move

The nutrition and fitness series consists of five sessions which are all free-of-charge and open to the public. Unless noted*, each session will be held at Black River Memorial Hospital at 6:30 p.m.

March is National Nutrition Month. Please join Paula Przywojski, Registered Dietitian at Black River Memorial Hospital and Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist at Ho-Chunk Healthcare Clinic in celebrating at a series of free community nutrition and fitness education classes at Black River Memorial Hospital on Mondays from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm starting on March 3 and concluding March 31.

Bring your questions and concerns about the basics of nutrition and fitness! There are FREE door prizes at each session. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Register today!
Call 715-284-1325
Space is limited.

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg sponsors Langlade County Culver’s Trailblazer Challenge

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager-PR/Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa

The 5th Annual Culver’s Trailblazer Challenge took place on Saturday, February 15-16, 2014 in Antigo, WI. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg made a check presentation to the Antigo/Langlade Chamber of Commerce for a \$750.00 donation on Saturday, February 15, 2014 in Antigo, WI at the Langlade County Culver’s Trailblazer Challenge. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was a Swing-Dog Sponsor for the Sled Dog Challenge. The money donated by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg went towards the purse money of the race.

The results of the race include: Steve Wilcenski finished in 1st Place for the 10 Dog Race, Mike Marsh finished

ished 1st in the 6 Dog Race, Amy Cooper finished 1st in the 4 Dog Race, Mike Christman finished 1st in Skijoring, Junior Category- Drake Collins finished 1st and Savannah Schallock finished 2nd, Jessica Olsen finished 1st in Skijoring.

Deena Grabowsky, Executive Director/Antigo Langlade Chamber of Commerce stated, “This year was great because we had a ton of snow which allows us to have a great race. It helps with the trails and that is always a bonus when the weather cooperates. I would like to thank everyone for helping this year. Thank you to Langlade County, the City of Antigo, the land owners, the mushers, all the volunteers at the road crossings and the dog yard.”



(L-R) Lynette LeGarde-Senior Manager-PR/Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa, Deena Grabowsky-Executive Director/Antigo Langlade Chamber of Commerce, Angel – Sled Dog/Savannah Schallock’s Sled Dog Team.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa sponsors Fun d’ Arts Fundraiser



Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, Senior Manager-PR/Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg/Nekoosa

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa made a check presentation to The New Visions Gallery located in the Marshfield Clinic on Tuesday, February 12, 2014 for a \$1000.00 for the Annual Fun d’ Arts fundraiser. The fundraiser was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Rivers Edge Golf Course in Marshfield, WI. Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa was the Entertainment Sponsor for the event.

Lynette LeGarde, HCG-Nekoosa made the check presentation to Board of Directors President, Debi McCoullough and New Visions Gallery Director, Betsy Tanenbaum. New Visions Gallery is a nonprofit organization. It was founded in 1975. Fun d’ Arts has been held since 1979. The money raised at the event goes to providing programming as well as supporting the mission of the gallery. The gallery is available free of charge to the community and visitors of the area.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls continues to campaign for Diabetes Awareness

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Public Relations Manager, HC Gaming BRF

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls along with WKBT News 8000 have gone live for a third year with Diabetes Diaries, an online cause campaign dedicated to help raise awareness for Diabetes through a website filled with reader submitted stories that revolve around each person’s experience with the disease. As in the past, the two businesses will be holding a contest for the best story

received. The winner will receive \$1,000 plus an additional \$1,000 donation will be given to the American Diabetes Association on behalf of the winner.

According to Rob Reid, Director of Marketing at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls the website, Mydiabetesdiary.org, was ultimately created as an online outlet or hub for people dealing with Diabetes.

“Yes you have a chance to win \$1,000 by submitting your story,” says Reid, “but

more importantly your story could offer much needed support to someone else who is dealing with the same obstacles as you. It’s about letting people know that they are not alone with this disease.”

Stories for this year’s contest must be submitted no later than March 23. No specific criteria are used to judge the letters. All are read and reviewed by a team looking to award the most inspirational write up.

Last year’s winner, Megan Muehlenbruch, illustrated

how she turned her negative situation into something positive.

“In her story,” Reid explains, “she actually credits the disease for having taught her more than taking from her. That positive attitude certainly stuck with us and was probably the ultimate deciding factor. Megan’s story was not the only inspirational letter that was entered. There were many, many worthy stories. Unfortunately, we can only choose one.”

The 3rd Annual Diabetes Diary is open to any person with a story to share. “Maybe the story is about you and your personal struggles with Diabetes. Maybe it’s your child who lives with this disease. Maybe it’s your parent. Whatever your story, we encourage you to share it. Even if you have shared it before, do it again,” says Reid.

People wishing to share their story, read other stories or learn more about Diabetes are encouraged to visit www.mydiabetesdiary.org.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to The Neighbors' Place

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

There's a place in Wausau where the workers are prepared to help people. It's tucked away in a residential area, appropriate for the help it extends to its neighbors.

Even the name tells the story of its neighborly helpfulness: "The Neighbors' Place."

The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$1,500 to The Neighbors' Place in Wausau on Monday, February 10, represented by Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud and District III Rep. Darren Brinegar.

"We really appreciate this donation," said The Neighbors' Place Executive Director Thomas Rau. "It will help to keep this place going and provide the help needed by members of the community."

This is the 25th year for The Neighbors' Place, which is a combination of food pantry, learning center and community outreach center.

The biggest draw is the food pantry, which has served 96,000 people since it has opened, Rau said. They distribute food to more than 300 community families each week. The center also serves as distribution center for all the other food pantries in the area.

"By combining food orders from other food pantries, we can order food by the semi load and get it at a lower price," Rau said. "We have a semi loading dock and an industrial-size freezer, which helps when it comes to providing meat. All of the pantries want meat."

There are 25 food pantries in Marathon County, he said.

The Neighbors' Place depends on donations to keep the charity operating and doesn't depend on government help, he said, mainly because government assistance can be undependable and is subject to budget cuts.

However, they do get long-life milk, the kind that is in sealed carton containers and has a long unrefrigerated shelf life, from the government Commodities Program. Also, the organization does receive about 10 grants per year, from about 15 to 20 being requested.

The charity does have about three major fundraisers per

year, with a lot of volunteers and organizations involved. They also receive a lot of donations through direct mail campaigns, Rau said.

Besides being a food pantry, The Neighbors' Place is a center for classes and workshops in health, language, computer skills, sewing skills, resume writing and job search skills. A free computer lab and free Wi-Fi help community members develop the skills they need to find employment and succeed in self-sufficiency.

The center also provides the items needed to live comfortably. The center recycles gently used furniture, clothing and even bicycles.

"For some people, transportation is a problem when it comes to obtaining full-time employment. We offer bicycles to fill those transportation needs," Rau said. Also, the center conducts workshops on repair and maintenance of the bicycles so that the owners can keep them running strong.

And during these colder times of winter, the center serves as a warming center. People can stay overnight to keep warm, but it is not considered a shelter.

During warmer months, The Neighbors' Place organizes community gardens to help families grow their own food. Each year more than 200 families grow healthy, fresh vegetables in community plots provided in a central location.

"This year, we will start growing vegetables in hoop houses. That will enable us to extend the growing season," Rau said. "We have about 10 acres for gardening, just north of town. Of course, everything we do is free for the families."

They have a strong connection with individual communities, such as the Hmong and Latino communities, he said. In those cases, language instruction is very important so they can function within the community, such as being able to take a bus, or go shopping on their own.

To help with that independent living situation, they also provide field trips, often taking the bus to a museum, or the mall, or other destination so that they feel comfortable making the excursion on their own.

Other education opportu-



A donation to The Neighbors' Place of \$1,500 was made on February 10. Displaying the check are (from left) Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud, The Neighbors' Place Executive Director Thomas Rau, and District III Rep. Darren Brinegar.

nities exist, just to keep up with the changing times, Rau said. For instance, they will teach them how to vote or get proper identification, or healthcare, to keep up with the current law.

They also work with the youth within the community. The Neighbors' Place offers school activities, classes, homework help and summer programs to students through the "Kids on the Grow" program. This program gives elementary students a safe place and positive activities in which to participate during the crucial time between school dismissals and when parents get home from work.

"We are proud to donate to this organization which has a proven record of Wausau area residents needing assistance," said Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud. "In times like these, it is important to remember our friends and neighbors who need help."

"The Ho-Chunk Nation takes our role as a member of the Wausau community very seriously," said District III Representative Darren Brinegar. "Our commitment to the city and its residents will continue into the future."



The Neighbors' Place can provide the basic transportation of bicycle to people, especially those commuting to work. Also, gently used furniture is available to people based on need.



One of the services The Neighbors' Place provides is job training and many women attend the sewing classes. The facility has eight modern sewing machines for training purposes.



The building is a former Kraft cheese processing building, so the loading dock and storage facility comes in handy. The Neighbors' Place is a distribution center for the 25 food pantries in Marathon County.

Priory goal

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tain aspects to the students at the Priory, Barker said. The Ho-Chunk Nation will provide language and cultural learning; UW-Eau Claire will provide support for academic skills, career development advising, a center for writing excellence, and financial planning and management.

UW-Eau Claire has made a considerable investment into the venture. So far, the UW-Eau Claire Foundation has paid \$1 million for the Priory and invested \$2.4 million in the Children's Nature Academy renovation, which was

funded by Children's Center reserves and Student Segregated Fees. Another \$4.5 million is being proposed to be spent on renovation and remodeling of the entire residential and common space, which will be funded by UW-Eau Claire.

The Task Force is focused on matching Ho-Chunk Nation employment needs with course offerings available from UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation have identified em-

ployment high-need job skill areas. The two schools are partnering to fulfill those skill needs. UW-Eau Claire and CVTC buildings are across the street from each other and most of the credits earned transfer from one to the other.

"The real key to success is sense of community, retaining Ho-Chunk traditions language, and respect for elders," Barker said.

"Our dream is to have it all up and running by fall 2015," Barker said.

Staff of Dental Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc. gets a taste of the Ho-Chunk Culture

Fiona Fay, Staff Writer

Manager of Dental Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc, Erica Larsen wanted her staff to have a better understanding on the Ho-Chunk patients, people, and their culture.

Employees of Dental Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc had gained a good hour of knowledge about the Ho-Chunk culture from Myrtle Long, who is the Case Management Coordinator for the Ho-Chunk Clan Mothers Program.

The new Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc opened up to the public on October 1, 2013. The Health Center has many patients, including Ho-Chunk and other Native Americans. The staff

of the up-and-running Health Center had a staff meeting with guest, Myrtle Long who gave the staff some valuable information on the Ho-Chunk Culture. She spoke to the group about the different Hocak Clans, and responsibilities and duties. Long mentioned that the Hocak people organize themselves into two major divisions regarding social, political structure, which is the sky the upper clans and the Earth the lower clans.

Long also went into specific detail on the Ho-Chunk Kinship System. She explained to the staff how the Kinship System works and why it is the way it is. The staff was giving a chart of the Kinship System for a better visual understanding.



Myrtle Long gives the staff information on the Ho-Chunk Culture.

Erica Larsen asked, “What can we do to better treat the Ho-Chunk patients?” Long’s answer was simple. She said, “Respect the Ho-Chunk Patients.”

The staff of Dental Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc stands to gain more knowledge on the Ho-Chunk culture from Myrtle Long with more scheduled trainings in the future.

The Language Department strives to keep the Ho-Chunk Language alive

Fiona Fay
Staff Writer

Every day at the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building cafeteria, a group of people may look like they are studying or just having a conversation. Actually, they are doing both. They are staff from the Ho-Chunk Language Division that learns more and more about the Ho-Chunk Language. They also teach the

language to others.

The Ho-Chunk Language Division staff is: Hokiwaigu, who has been involved for about five years; Kerjusep, who has been involved for almost three years; Hiwicozu, almost four years; Wiiguse-rig, who has been involved for eight years. This group of people are speaking the Ho-Chunk Language all day, every day. Not only are they are

speaking Ho-Chunk at work, but they are also speaking it at home and outside of work. The Language Division staff has conversations amongst each other in the Ho-Chunk Language and helping one another out by correcting each other.

As of right now, the Ho-Chunk Language Department uses the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building cafeteria

for office space. According to the Language Division, they are okay with it. Employees walk past the Language Division staff but don’t stop to find out what they are doing. The Language Division staff is willing to teach the language to anyone that’s willing to learn. Hiwicozu mentioned “People just have to make time to learn the Language.” Many people are busy with

work and other activities outside of work and it can be very hard to make time.

The Language Division staff wants to the language to stay alive. The Language Division staff offers 1 hour sessions to all workers in the Executive Building and is open to anyone who is willing to learn.

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Keynote Address **Lori Pettibone** District 1 Ho-Chunk Tribal Legislator

Panel Discussion **Supreme Law of the Land & Treaties**

with **Rochelle Diver** International Treaty Law, **Glenn C. Reynolds** Indian Law

and **Ken "Bum-Bum" Fish** as Moderator

Robert Desjarlait Protect our Manoomin ~ Citizen Activism In Action

Kim Wright Citizen Voices Matter in Environmental Protection

Dr. Crispin Pierce Air Quality and Monitoring

Dr. John Coleman Water Quality, Quantity and Monitoring

Senator Kathleen Vinehout Potential Sand-Mining Legislation

Juliee de la Terre Our Treaty with Mother Earth and All Our Relations

Dinner Break ~ Silent Auction & Raffle ~ Entertainment

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Requirements:
Ability to speak, read and write Ho-Chunk. Possess Knowledge and understanding of Ho-Chunk culture. Must possess excellent communication, computer, writing, management analytical and implementation skills. Minimum of six years educational, supervisory, program planning, or management experience is required. Bachelor's or Masters Degree required and must meet Ho-Chunk Nation ERA requirements.

*For Full Job requirements and application stop at:
Hocąk Waazijja Hacı Language Division
N5845 Hwy 58, Mauston, WI 53948



Ho-Chunk Nation launches new Web site

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

After many years in the making, the new Ho-Chunk Nation Web site has been unveiled.

It officially came online on February 7.

“There’s a lot of changes and a new look,” said Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer Collin Price.

The plan to create a new Web site was first enacted in the previous Ho-Chunk president administration, Price said. A Web design company named Buffalo Nickel was contracted to produce the pages, however, it has been a long road to completion. Many aspects needed to be revised along the way.

Once the Web site design was completed, Ho-Chunk Information Technology (IT) Department had to build servers specific for the demands of the new site.

What is strikingly different with the new Web site, compared to the previous one, is that each department is responsible for posting information about their department.

That includes all the necessary forms from each department. For instance, there are forms for vehicle usage in the

Fleet Department, Emergency Assistance applications for Social Services and rental applications for Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHC-DA). Many other department forms are available.

Another added feature of the new Web site is an events calendar. When completed, it will show the events from each department, Price said.

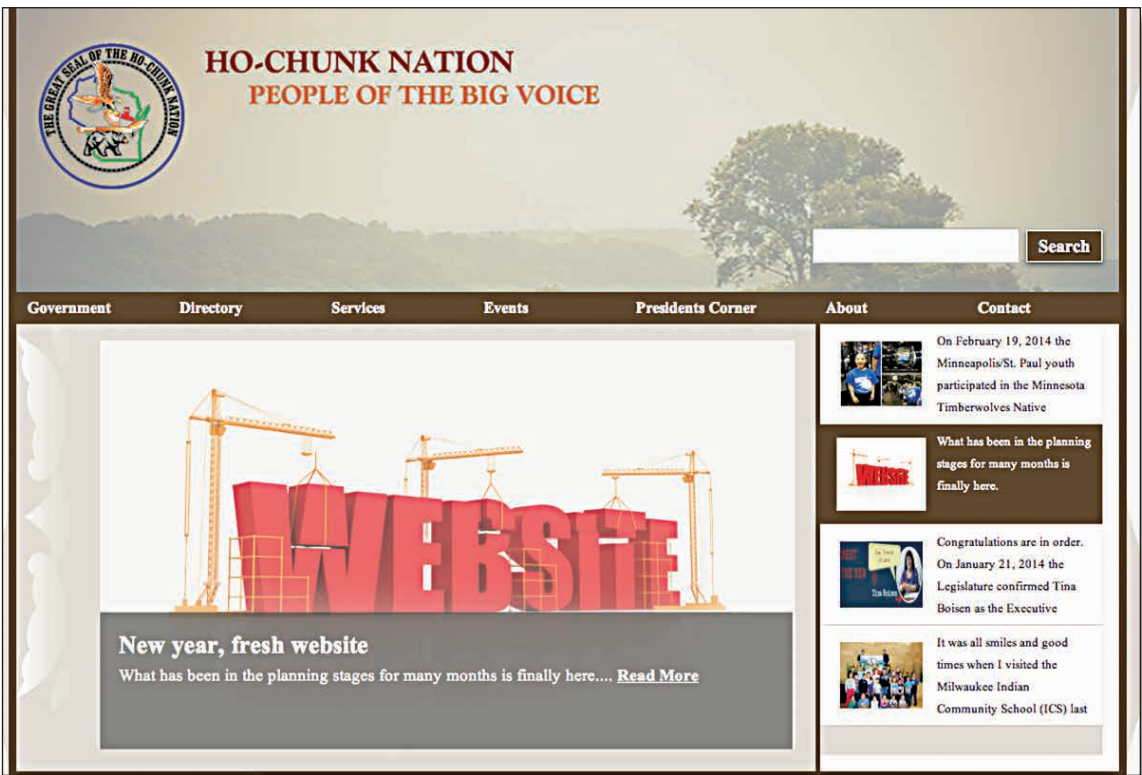
Also, the site will have a “Hocak Word of the Day” and “Elder of the Week.”

Now that it is up and running, people are viewing the pages, adding content and perfecting the site.

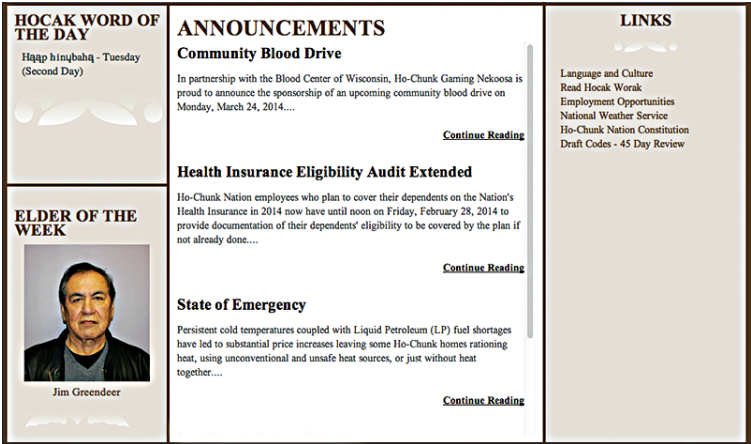
“The first day it was online, it was pretty crazy because people couldn’t find what they wanted,” Price said. “It’s not because there was a problem, it was just an adjustment for people to know where to look.”

Getting the Web site fully functional may take a little while because each department has to decide what information they want available to the public and then place it on their section.

“For instance, Legislature has a ton of stuff waiting” Price said. “They can put on notices of their meetings,



The new Ho-Chunk Nation Web site offers a colorful active experience to the viewer, with plenty of current stories and information, as well as a guide to services offered by the Nation.



The new Ho-Chunk Nation Web site provides current information such as announcements, but also the “Hocak Word of the Day” and “Elder of the Week.”

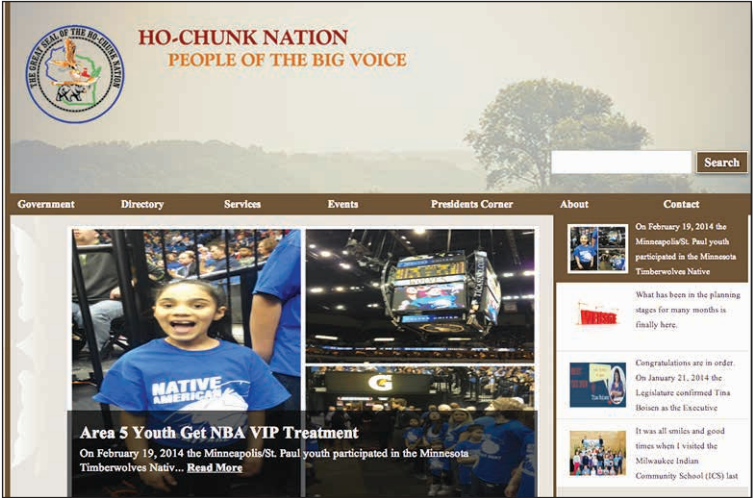
minutes of their meetings and anything up for public review.”

Another good aspect of the new site is being able to access analytics, which shows the number of times each page has been accessed and when, how many people were first-time visitors and which are the most popular pages based on traffic.

“We assumed it would be used most by the Nation’s employees,” Price said, “but we found that most of the traffic comes from outside the Nation.”

That helps the Ho-Chunk Nation’s image, because many times people accessing the Web site have had no prior contact with the Nation or no prior knowledge about the Nation.

Price said the new site is a better experience than the old



The latest-breaking stories pertaining to the Ho-Chunk Nation are displayed so that tribal members and the general public can keep informed of developments.

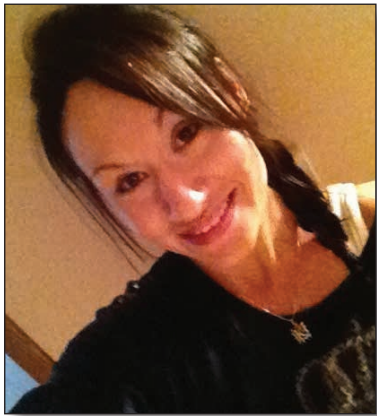
site. It is more attractive and not as cluttered, he said.

“It’s a good resource for tribal members and for the public,” he said. “People in the departments are excited,” he said.

Meet Social Services’ Life Skills Coordinators

Hello, my name is Kimberly Whitewater; I am the Life Skills Coordinator for the Wittenberg (Potch Chee Nunk) and Green Bay area. I also do life skills activities with the youth centers I’ve been assigned, which include Wittenberg, Milwaukee, Madison and the Dells. I have been working for the nation for the past 4 months now and have done a few rounds as far as learning what resources are available for our people within the nation and within our own communities.

In this position I intend to better learn our culture so that I may teach life skills with a more accurate cultural aspect and understanding. I am also a huge advocate for working on prevention, as this is a very important part of my job description. I focus on things from job skill, education, budgeting and organization to stress relief and healthy living



among many other headings that go along with providing life skills to our people. Doing these things can include going into your homes and getting to know those I’m working with not as a client but as a fellow member of our Ho-Chunk family. I feel I can better assist those in need of my services when there is a comfort there and true understanding of each other’s needs at that time.

I have an Associate’s in Human Services from

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and am one class away from my Bachelor’s in Human Services from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (UWO). I would love to continue my education so that I may better assist the people of my communities as well. I also have a background of working with at-risk youth. I did my internships with the Alternative High School at NTC in Wausau, WI and have spent the last 2 years working as a Care Advocate Specialist with the youth at the Homme Home residential treatment facility in Wittenberg. These positions are very challenging but no more challenging than attempting to find my place within a nation I am less than familiar with. With that said please feel free to assist me with a lesson or a story and I will do my best to assist our people to the best of my ability.

Thank you!

Haho, everybody,

My name is Curtis Redbird; I am the New Life skills coordinator for the La Crosse, Black River Falls, Tomah, and Nekoosa areas. I look forward to working in your communities, and meeting a majority of you when I am in the area. I am currently in the development, and planning process for different community events for the areas that I work in. If you have any ideas, or questions please feel free to call me at my office. The number is (715) 284-2622. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you all.



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Curtis Redbird,
Life Skills Coordinator

Celebrate Red Cross Month by donating blood in March

Submitted by Brian Gomez, Red Cross

Blood donors are everyday people who help save lives. During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross recognizes these life-savers, thanks them for their generosity and encourages others to join their ranks.

Courtney Krisher is forever grateful for the donors who helped save her brother, Lucas. The siblings, who are both members of the U.S. military, had given blood together a few months before Lucas was in a motorcycle accident. He was rushed to the hospital with extensive internal bleeding, and he received four pints of blood.

“Some people call me and my brother heroes” because of our military service,” Courtney said. “But I think the same could be said for people who give blood.”

The Red Cross has been meeting the needs of patients since World War II. Today, the Red Cross supplies blood products to nearly 2,700 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Clark County
March 13 from 1-6 p.m. at Clark County Health Care Center, W4266 State Road 29 in Owen, Wis.

Jackson County
March 3 from 12-5 p.m. at Melrose-Mindoro High School, N181 State Hwy. 108 in Melrose, Wis.

March 12 from 12:30-5 p.m. at Lincoln High School, 124 S. School St. in Alma Center, Wis.

La Crosse County
March 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Salem High School, 405 E. Hamlin St. in West Salem, Wis.

March 4 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

March 5 from 12-5:30 p.m. at Bangor High School, 700 10th St. in Bangor, Wis.

March 11 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

March 15 from 8 a.m. to noon at American Red Cross, 1427 State Hwy. 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

Langlade County
March 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CoVantage Credit Union, 723 Sixth Ave. in Antigo, Wis.

Portage County
March 3 from 1-6 p.m. at Plover Municipal Building, 2400 Post Road in Plover, Wis.

March 4 from 2-6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2000 Roosevelt Drive in Plover, Wis.

March 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St Paul’s United Methodist Church, 600 Wilshire Blvd. in Stevens Point, Wis.

March 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Red Cross, 3201C Main St. in Stevens Point, Wis.

March 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. at American Red Cross, 3201C Main St. in Stevens Point, Wis.

March 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rosholt High School, 346 Randolph St. in Rosholt, Wis.

Waupaca County
March 10 from 12-5:30 p.m. at Fox Valley Technical College, 525 Main St. in Clintonville, Wis.

How to donate blood
Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40



American Red Cross Blood Services milestones

- 1941**
The Red Cross began collecting blood for the U.S. military with Dr. Charles Drew as medical director.
- 1943**
March was proclaimed Red Cross Month by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Every president since has honored Red Cross Month.
- 1948**
The Red Cross implemented the first nationwide blood program for civilians. The first collection center opened in Rochester, N.Y.
- 1972**
The Red Cross called for a national blood policy, which the federal government set up in 1974, supporting standardized practices.

percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the

generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross

Shawano check donation



The Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$1,500 to the Shawano Food Pantry on Tuesday, February 11. Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud (left) presents the check to Shawano Food Pantry Manager Flo Writhers.

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Wisconsin Badgers avenge first loss of season against Indiana Hoosiers

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

The last time the Wisconsin Badgers faced the Indiana Hoosiers they were ranked #3 in the nation and undefeated for the 2013-2014 season. Their historic season was tarnished as the Hoosiers beat the Badgers 75-72 back in Indiana on January 14. The story was different when the two teams met at the Kohl Center on Tuesday night in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Badgers were off to a slow start in the first half. At the half, they were down 10 points, 19-29. This was the second largest deficit the team has faced. Traevon Jackson led the scoring with 5 points, while Josh Gasser, Frank Kaminsky, and Nigel Hayes all had 4 points. Sam Dekker also added 2 points in the half.

Ho-Chunk tribal member and Badger freshman, Bronson Koenig, played 8 first half minutes. He attempted three shots, one from 3-point range, and had a defensive rebound.

Indiana's Noah Vonleh and Terrell "Yogi" Ferrell both

had 10 points in the first half. Will Sheehey had 7 points, while Jeremy Holloway added 2 points for the Hoosiers in the first half.

Coach Bo Ryan jokingly said, "The halftime speech didn't contain any threats of violence." He did encourage Kaminsky and Dekker to make moves and let their presence being known to those watching from their seats. Coach Ryan said, "Frank was moving his feet well. He got a little slow. But they (Indiana) played good defense, and if he was going to make a move; it had to be a great move." He continued, "I told Sam he should let the people here know that he was here. Let them feel your presence."

Within the first 3 minutes of the second half, the Badgers closed the gap to only

3 points. Traevon Jackson immediately drove the lane for an easy lay-up. Josh Gasser knocked down a jump shot. And Sam Dekker went to the line for 2 points and hit a 3-pointer making it 28-31. Ben Brust added another 3-pointer, and Frank Kaminsky made a lay-up to get the Badgers back on top at 36-35.

The Badgers and Hoosiers went back and forth for the lead until Kaminsky went to the line to add 2 points to tie the game at 38-38. Ben Brust hit a "big" 3-pointer to give the Badgers the lead for the rest of the game. Brust made another 3 point shot and Dekker added a lay-up and a shot from the field.

Bronson Koenig made a reverse lay-up driving past two Indiana defenders down the baseline at 9:34 to give the Badgers a 5 point led, 46-41.

Koenig said, "My main focus on getting passed my defender to make a pass. I try to stay aggressive and take scoring opportunities when they are there."

The Badger starters went on to outscore the Hoosiers 20-15 the last half of the second half. The Badgers were 22 of 24 from the free throw line. Indiana only attempted 3 free throws. The Badgers limited themselves to 3 turnovers in the game.

The final score was Badgers 69, Hoosiers 58. The Badgers improve to 23-5 overall, and 10-5 in conference play. They have a 6 game winning streak, winning 3 games at home and 3 games on the road. The Badgers beat #8 Michigan State at home, and #15 Michigan and #15 Iowa on the road.

The Badgers have 3 games left for the regular season; traveling to Penn State and Nebraska and one remaining home game against Purdue.



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING HO-CHUNK HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTER BARABOO, WISCONSIN FEBRUARY 4, 2014
CALL TO ORDER : President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL: President Jon Greendeer (P) VP Heather Cloud (P) Rep. Greg Blackdeer (E) Rep. Susan Waukon (P) Rep. Lori Pettibone (P) Rep. Andrea Estebo (P) Rep. David Greendeer (P) Rep. Henning Garvin (P) Rep. Darren Brinegar (P) Rep. Shelby Visintin (P) Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit(P) Rep. Matt Mullen (P) Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P) Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
OPENING PRAYER: Ona Garvin, Chief Clerk, Legislature, offered a prayer.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the Agenda. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone, **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Henning Garvin requested striking under Unfinished Business item I and table New Business, A. Add to X. District Concerns, item B, Memorial Day Pow-wow request. and item C, Tomah and Baraboo District meetings. **12-0-0-MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to move agenda item up: X. District Concern. A.; to discuss at this time. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0, MOTION CARRIED.** **No action taken in Executive Session.** The Office of the President will assist the family. (Into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m.) **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Return to Open Session at 10:22 a.m.) **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to revisit the Charitable Request Act and refer to the next Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 21, 2014 Legislative Meeting Minutes:* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to ratify the January 21, 2014, Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.** One correction, page 1 in the Healing Center, change “Kiri Je” to Kii ji re”.
November 19, 2013 Housing Committee meeting correction **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to ratify the November 19, 2013 Legislative meeting minutes with a correction on Page 2, to add the motion for the Existing Mortgage Assistance Policy approval: *“MOTION by Rep Andrea Estebo to approve the Existing Mortgage Assistance policy. Second by Rep Shelby Visintin. 12-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.”* Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
COMMITTEE REPORTS: *Development Committee, January 28, 2014* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to ratify the January 28, 2014 Development Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Housing Committee, January 23,*

2014 **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to ratify the January 23, 2014 Housing Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Housing Committee, Resolution 02-04-14A Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-13B. –Carolyn Grzelak, Legislative Attorney* *Revisit Housing Resolution 12-17-13B re Veteran’s Service connected disability.* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud, to adopt Resolution 02-04-14A, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-13B. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-White Rabbit. Amendment to Resolution 12-17-13B to replace the word “combat” with “service” on page 4, item 3). **10-0-2 (Reps. David Greendeer and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.** *Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee-January 28, 2014* **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to ratify the January 28, 2014 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Finance Committee Special Meeting, January 22, 2014* **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to ratify the January 22, 2014, Special Finance Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen.**12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Finance Committee-January 29, 2014* **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to dispense with the reading of the January 29, 2014 Finance Committee meeting minutes and ratify with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **8-4 (Reps. Darren Brinegar, Lori Pettibone, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Forrest Whiterabbit)-0.** Discussion on Crockett’s increase and improper filing. Page 8 add meetings, trainings and conferences to motion 2. Indigenous games modification was not addressed per Mr. Breed, Financial Examiner. *Resolution 2-4-14B to Establish Audit Committee, Title 5, Business & Finance Code - VP Heather Cloud* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 2-4-14B to establish Audit Committee, Title 5, Business & Finance Code. Members on the Legislature to serve on the Audit Committee are Reps. David Greendeer, Lori Pettibone, Forrest Whiterabbit and Robert TwoBears. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **8-0-4 (Reps. David Greendeer, Lori Pettibone, Forrest Whiterabbit and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.** **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** *Economic Diversification (Standing agenda item) - Rep. David Greendeer* The meeting with Mr. Nguyen had to be rescheduled to February 21. VP Heather Cloud moved the Housing Committee meeting to February 19, 2014,10 a.m. scheduled for the Legislative Conference room and relocate tentatively to Indian Heights or Alberta Day Conference Room at House of Wellness, Baraboo, Wisconsin. *Lynwood properties (Standing agenda item) - VP Heather Cloud* Jon Warner, Business Development Manager, Business Department. Last week a Service Provider Agreement was put in place with Bill Lowe to manage the Lynwood Properties in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Executive and Legislative Branch. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-White Rabbit requested that written reports be given to the Legislature on the Lynwood Property on a regular basis. Mr. Lowe reports to Jon Warner and Brian Decorah

with input from Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel. *Wittenberg Well Project 2010 Resolution. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel* Mr. Murphy looked at the provisions for compact deducts and credits provisions related to the Wittenberg Well project and the amount they are asking for is \$46,209 is still connected to the original well project. The Washington Park project needs more information and would have to be in a separate resolution. **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to authorize \$46,209 for the Wittenberg well project in conjunction with the 2010 Compact credit deduct with a letter informing the State of Wisconsin and table the Washington Park project request for further information until next session. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **8-0-4 (Reps. Susan Waukon, Matt Mullen, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.** *General Council Agency (GCA)-Ho-Chunk Nation, Business and Finance Code - Rep. Robert TwoBears* Rep. Robert TwoBears has concerns about the General Council Agency’s inability to pay a construction vendor. The contract has been signed by a member of the General Council Agency and routed through different Executive offices without finalization. **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **11-1(Rep. David Greendeer)-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **11:22 a.m.** **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to return to open session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **Return to open Session. 11:52 a. m.** Mr. Murphy, Legislative Counsel, addressed the R & R Contract. Mr. Marvin Decorah signed the contract. The contract was recently sent to the Legislative Office with Mr. Decorah’s signature blocked out. Our internal process is to check first to see if there is money in the line item to pay it, and then send to the Vice President for signature. Attorney General, Sheila Corbine, suggests that the contract contain a memo that the General Council Agency did come to the Legislature. They must modify the budget. She will also send a memo to Finance to verify this so the process can be completed. Ms. Corbine explained that Resolution 2010 gave Contract signature authority for the vendors to the General Council meeting, not this type of contract. **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **RECESS FOR LUNCH AT 11:52 a.m.** **CALL TO ORDER:** President Jon Greendeer reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m.
ROLL CALL: President Jon Greendeer (P) VP Heather Cloud (P) Rep. Greg Blackdeer (E) Rep. Susan Waukon (P) Rep. Lori Pettibone (P) Rep. Andrea Estebo (1:10 p.m.) Rep. David Greendeer (P) Rep. Henning Garvin (P) Rep. Darren Brinegar (P) Rep. Shelby Visintin (1:11 p.m.) Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit Rep. Matt Mullen (P) Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P) Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS, continued... *Finance. Resolution 2-4-14C Passage of amendments to the Appropriations & Budget Act Revisions - Rep. Robert TwoBears Resolution* presented would amend the Appropriation and

Budget Process Act (2HCC Sec.4). **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table Resolution 2-4-14C. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Resolution 2-4-14D, ANA Language Preservation - Finance Committee* **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt Resolution 2-4-14D, ANA Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant Application Ho-Chunk Language “The Four Seasons” Cultural Material Development. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Membership* **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to withdraw from the National Indian Gaming Association and to have Arvina Martin, Chief Communications Officer, publish a memorandum similar to that drafted by the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Resolution 2-4-14E Denying Sarah Dobbs appointment to Ethics Review Board* **MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 2-4-14 E Denying Sarah Dobbs appointment to the Ethics Review Board, as amended. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **NEW BUSINESS:** *Resolution 2-4-14F, Plum Creek Timberlands-Wazee North Trust –Mr. Larry Garvin.* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 2-4-14F Placing Plum Creek Timberlands-Wazee North Property 200 Acres M/L into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *Resolution 2-4-14G, Special Revenue Account (State of Emergency LP Fuel). Mr. John Stacy.* **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 2-4-14G, Loan to HHCDa for the Emergency Propane Loan Assistance Program. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **8-0-4 (Reps. Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin, David Greendeer and Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.** *Resolution 2-4-14H, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Grant to Assess, Evaluate and Promote Development of Tribal Energy and Mineral Resources. Rep. Matt Mullen.* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 2-4-14H, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Grant to Assess, Evaluate and Promote Development of Tribal energy and Mineral Resources. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** *TERO fee. Referred from Finance.* **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to table the TERO fee. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **DISTRICT CONCERNS:** **District 1.** *Memorial Day Pow-wow request from Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post.* **MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer the 2014 Memorial Day Pow-wow request to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **District 2.** *Blue Wing meeting, January 22, 2014* **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept Jim Pettibone as the Tomah area Constitution Reform Task Force delegate. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **For the record:** The Tomah Area Meeting Motion by Jim Pettibone that if Enterprise employees are required to work (in inclement weather) so should the Administrative /government

employees. Second by Janette Smoke. This motion was defeated. **Baraboo meeting, February 3, 2014.** **For the record:** The Baraboo Area Meeting Motion by Ms. JoAnn Jones to preserve the elder and handicap comps in the budgets. **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Finance Committee the motion by JoAnn Jones to approve Robert Funmaker request to have the funds for the 2014 Neeshla Pow Wow be disbursed to him. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Mr. Gerald Cleveland, Sr., was present with a request from the Neeshla Powwow Committee to run the powwow.) **For the record:** The Baraboo Area Meeting Motion by Robert Funmaker to immediately cease any and all Legislator’s rent from being paid. **Baraboo Area Meeting, February 3, 2014.** **For the record:** JoAnn Jones mentioned Chazen Museum at UW Madison will be hosting an Indian Art show, opening day will be February 6, 2014.
TRAVEL REQUESTS: *Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) conference. April 14-15, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana. Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit.* **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to authorize any interested Legislators and staff persons attendance at the Native American Finance Officers (NAFOA) conference, April 14-15, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **9-0-3 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Andrea Estebo and David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.** *National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Winter Session, March 11-13, 2014, Washington, D. C.* **MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to authorize any representative or staff to attend this year’s Winter Session in Washington, D.C. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting went into Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to go into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting went into Open Session at 3:37 p.m. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** **ADVANCE TRAVEL WAIVER:** **MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit any Legislators appointed to a Federal Board or Work group be waived from the Advance Travel requirements to attend meetings, and conferences, along with a Legal Representative, if necessary, so long as the Ho-Chunk Nation be reimbursed from the Federal Board or Work group for said travel expenses. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **8-2 (Reps. David Greendeer and Lori Pettibone)-2(VP Heather Cloud and Rep. Susan Waukon) MOTION CARRIED.** **RECESS:** **MOTION TO RECESS** by Rep. Henning Garvin until 10:00 a.m., February 5, 2014, Ho-Chunk Hotel Conference Center, Baraboo, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-2 (Reps. David Greendeer and Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Respectfully submitted, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit Tribal Secretary

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District One Community
Center

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Time : 6:00pm

Rules

All players must be age 18 or older
Minimum of 4 man team
Four Horses

Rosters must be in by Wed. March 12, 2014


Straight shot
Moccasin
Tournament



Registration forms available at District 1
Community Center

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Tomah Ho-Chunk Youth Service Presents:



MARCH
MADNESS
GAGA BASKETBALL

Female relatives let your Male relatives borrow a dress for a day!!!


Saturday, March 8th, 2014
Tomah Middle School Gym
612 Hollister Ave, Tomah, WI

DOORS OPEN AT 11AM
Lunch will be served at \$5 Dollars a plate

Raffles going on all day
Cake Walk
Silent Auction
Full Court Shot


SPECIAL EVENTS:
3 Point Shooting Contest
Skills Challenge
Shooting Ho-Chunk Stars Contest
*CHOKA & GAGA OUTFIT REQUIRED

For More Information Contact:
Marty Ybarra at 608-343-1539

Special Thanks to:


All Proceeds will go to the Tomah Youth Activity Funds

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Indian Heights Community Building
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Saturday, March 1, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m.
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- Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst
- An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance
- Financial professional certification
- At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf

If you are interested in becoming a member and meet one of the above qualifications, please submit a letter of interest and extended resume to:

Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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**Attention
District 4**

From the department of housing:

The week of March 21st, you will be receiving a survey from the Department of Housing. This survey was requested by the District 4 community housing committee to establish a foundation for what the housing needs and preferences are in your area. To make sure your voice is heard, please fill out the survey and return it to the Department of Housing in the self-addressed envelope provided before April 4th. Your input is greatly appreciated and will aid in determining where we will seek to purchase rental property in District 4. In addition, it is our hope that the responses from this survey will help determine where our greatest need for housing is in the Milwaukee and outlying areas. If you have any questions, or if you do not receive the survey, please contact Michelle at (608) 374-1225 or District 4 Legislative Aide Katie Funmaker at (800) 294-9343 ext. 1286. We greatly appreciate your assistance in obtaining this information.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE



LEGISLATURE

Friday, March 7, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Legislative Conference Room
Executive Offices
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI

Posted on: 02/21/2014

In accordance with the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11.10c.(1)(a)) All agenda items shall be received by the Chief Clerk no later than noon on the Thursday preceding the Legislative Meeting scheduled for the following week.



District 1 Area
calling for all
**Little League players
and coaches
for 2014 season**
1st year players only need copy of
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Sign up at
District 1 Community Center
by the Youth Services Office
*Tee-ball (5 years old)
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**HAGA
Meeting**
March 8, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
HCG – Nekoosa Private dining area.
Everyone welcome to attend.

NOTICE
**The Committee on Tribal Enrollment
Will be holding its Quarterly Meeting on:**
Wednesday, April 4th, 2014
At 8:00AM
Wa Ehi Hoci Tribal Court Building,
Black River Falls
Please note: The meeting is open to tribal members

Ho-Chunk Legislature seeking candidates to fill two positions

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Legislature is
seeking applications to fill the following:

**Legislative Chief Clerk
Legislative Office Clerk**

These positions require a high degree of confidentiality and thorough knowledge of
the legislative organization and processes of the Ho-Chunk Nation

The Chief Clerk must have a Bachelor’s Degree

The Office Clerk must have a HSD or equivalent

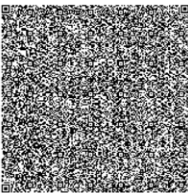
Qualifications for Chief Clerk:

Demonstrated ability to administer. Demonstrated ability to provide consultation
to legislators on complex procedural matters, budgetary and personnel matters, and
matters impacting the institution of the Legislature. Bachelor’s degree and two (2)
years of administrative/legislative experience or equivalent combination of training
and experience. Adherence to the Nations laws and policies and shall be subject to
a background investigation as a condition of employment. Able to maintain confi-
dentiality and professional demeanor under all work circumstances. Valid driver’s
license, dependable transportation and proper insurance.

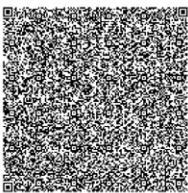
Qualifications for Office Clerk:

HSD or equivalent plus a minimum of two (2) years’ experience in an office setting.
Knowledge of structure, organization, history of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature
and its government. Knowledge of telephone procedures and very good telephone
courtesy. Must be able to lift 35-60 lbs. Must pass a background check.

For more information, please contact
Representative Kathylen LoneTree-Whiterabbit
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Applications will be accepted by the
Ho-Chunk Nation’s Department of Personnel
PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615



MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 2

BARABOO AREA MEETING

Monday, March 3, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Rd

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
LAX Branch Office 724 Main St

TOMAH AREA MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
Blue Wing Community Bldg

MADISON AREA MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 - 6:00 pm
Madison Branch Office 1320 Mendota St

DISTRICT 3 AREA

Monday, March 10, 2013 – **Wittenberg**
(Pac ha Ci Community Bldg) @6pm

Tuesday, March 11, 2012 – **Green Bay**
HCN Green Bay Branch Office
(1047 9th St. Green Bay, WI) @6pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2012 – **WI Rapids**
(Cex ha Ci Community Bldg) @6pm

Thursday, March 13, 2012 – **WI Dells**
(Indian Heights Community Bldg) @6pm

Stand Rock Nation: How cultural tourism shapes the Dells


Submitted by Debbie Kinder, Stewards of the Dells of the Wis. River,
The Stewards of the Dells of the WI River, Dells Country Historical Society, Friends of the H.H. Bennett Studio, Kilbourn Public Library, and Little Eagle Arts Foundation are Wisconsin Dells-based nonprofit organizations supporting the conservation, history, and arts of the Dells area.
Kendall Tallmadge (Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin) B.A./M.A. Anthropology, M.B.A., will present “Stand Rock Nation: How Cultural Tourism Shapes the Dells” based on her Master’s Thesis in Anthropology from the University of Colorado on

March 13 in the community room of the Kilbourn Public Library. She writes, “When I began my career in anthropology, I didn’t expect it to take me home. My research examines cultural tourism, an industry that supported the Dells for over 60 years. By interviewing locals about the Dells Park, boat companies, and the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial, I wanted to understand how these attractions impacted Native and non-Native communities and relate this to contemporary discussions regarding a return of the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial.”
Kendall’s presentation will begin at 7 PM. Sponsors include Stewards of the Dells of

the WI River, Dells Country Historical Society, Friends of the H.H. Bennett Studio, Friends of the Kilbourn Public Library, and Little Eagle Arts Foundation. Copies of Kendall’s thesis are available for loan from the Kilbourn Public Library.
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Marc & all your other sisters and kids

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*Must be an enrolled Ho-Chunk member, must complete necessary paperwork and agree to terms/conditions to qualify for membership.

March
Elders Birthdays



3 Owen Cloud

5 Gary Keller

7 Wayne Johnson

8 George Youngthunder

9 Morgan WhiteEagle

10 Geraldine Conery

11 Janice Stott

12 Sandra Blackdeer

13 Purcel Delarosa

14 Alvin Alderman

15 Francis Steindorf

16 Esther Redhawk

17 Harlan Hendrix

18 Elva Brown

19 Dennis Whitehorse

20 Brenda Brown

21 Leroy Bigsoldier

22 Fidel Delarosa

23 Rana Moser

24 Loren Payer

25 Helene Lincoln

26 Velma Lewis

27 Raymond Lopez

28 Gloria Ward

29 Stephanie Higgins

30 William Goodbear

31 Marcella Patton

Jeffrey Goodbear

Patricia Decorah

Cynthia Wagner

Paul Whitehorse

Frieda Blackcoon

Phyllis McCloud

Walter Whitehorse

Maureen Decorah

Lionel Cloud

Olive Nesja

Clara Swan

Delores Beatty

Chloris Lowe Jr.

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Teaching from the ground up

Bird places an emphasis on providing language when they are young

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Bonnie Bird has a passion in her life to keep the Ho-Chunk language alive. So much so, she plans to dedicate her life toward promoting teaching infants and toddlers the language so they can be fluent speakers

Bonnie was featured in a WEAU- 13 Eau Claire news broadcast on February 18, along with Ho-Chunk Language Division instructors Andrew Thundercloud, Wayne Falcon, Wilbert Cleveland and Maxine Kolner. The story aired that night.

The television spotlight examined the need for language training to keep the culture alive.

“The Ho Chunk language is a prestigious language. It identifies who we are and what we are today,” Thundercloud said.

Bonnie is teaching the Ho-Chunk language to children at the Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy in Black River Falls. She is a student at Western Technical College and a language apprentice and will be graduating this spring.

“I don’t have to teach, but

some do. There are some student apprentices in high school, too,” she said.

All teachers are certified by the Wisconsin Department of Instruction.

Bonnie has been coming to the day care center from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

“To be certified, I had to go to Traditional Court and be able to speak fluently and understand the language,” she said. At high school level, it is required for the school district to provide language training so that students can read, write and speak the language.

Bonnie discovered her passion for teaching the Ho-Chunk language many years ago when she worked at a Ho-Chunk immersion program for young children. It was a way for the children to learn it as a primary language.

“It was the first time in 60 years that infants and toddlers were taught Ho-Chunk so early in their lives,” Bonnie said.

She was disappointed when the program was discontinued and she has strived to renew such a method of learning.

“It was so successful,” she said. “Our best opportunities are when they are infants and



Bonnie Bird talks to WEAU -13 journalist Joe Nelson about her role in keeping the Ho-Chunk language alive, starting with infants and toddlers.

toddlers. When they are older, the learning style is different.”

She attributes her passion for language to her father, Wilbert Cleveland, who is an instructor with the Language Department.

“My dad is a fluent speaker. I learned from him” Bonnie said. “It started with simple commands, and then grew into making conversation. I work my dad every day on perfecting our language skills.”

Bonnie worked with Head Start in Tomah for a year and in Black River Falls for a half year before this latest venture.

“When teaching, I realized I could make speakers out of them,” she said. “After hearing Ho Chunk words over and over and over, they start connecting words and realizing that what I’m saying has meaning, just like the English words they’re learning. Students who are older when they learn will learn the lan-

guage, but never get to speak fluently.”

If they would learn at an early age, the influence of that ability would expand into the communities.

Bonnie is hoping to advocate for the Ho-Chunk Nation to return to a form of early childhood immersion program.

“If not, I may do it on my own,” she said. “The best and most opportune time is when they are infants and toddlers.”



Toddlers at Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy in Black River Falls know when to seek attention, and Bonnie Bird uses that attention to teach the Ho-Chunk language to them.

Wisconsin Dells Area Youth Services Presents:

All-Around **GAGA**
Basketball Fundraiser
@H.O.W. **Tournament**
Gym Friday March 28th, 2014



There will be a public forum in your District regarding the proposed changes to the Per Capita Ordinance.

If you have a child who will receive a trust fund, please plan to attend one of these important forums.

Look for the forum in your district.

Forums will be held the weeks of **March 3-7**. More details to come. For more information regarding these important forums, please contact Christine Mach or Katie Funmaker at (715) 284-9343. Or email us at Christine.Mach@ho-chunk.com or Katie.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com

- **Registration Begins @ 5:00 PM**
- **Tournament Begins @ 6:00 PM**
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